

WORLD REPORT ON HEARING



TODAY,

1 IN **5** PEOPLE WORLDWIDE LIVE WITH HEARING LOSS

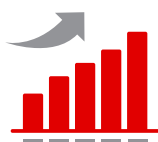
BY 2050,

1 IN **4** PEOPLE ARE PROJECTED TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THEIR HEARING

NEARLY **80%** of people with hearing loss live in low-income and middle-income countries

The majority of people with hearing loss do not have access to interventions

Ear and hearing care interventions are cost-effective



US\$ 1.40



An annual additional investment of less than US\$ 1.40 per person is needed to provide ear and hearing care services

Unaddressed hearing loss is expensive

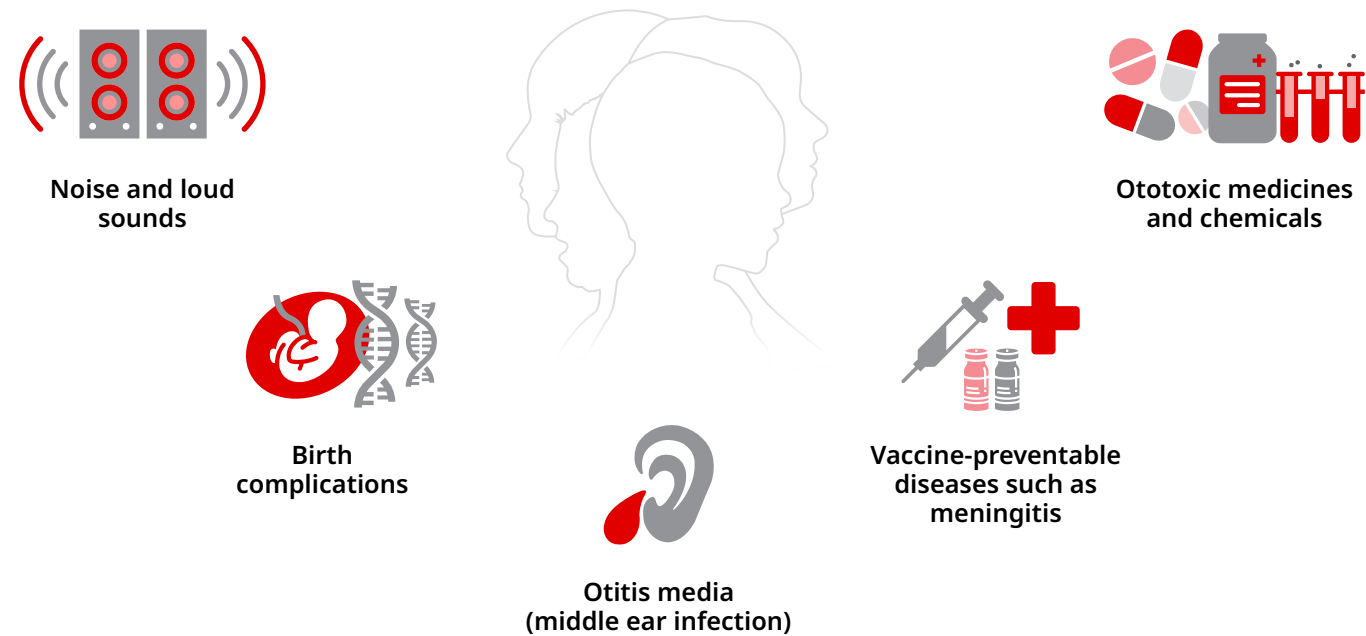
to communities worldwide and costs governments US\$ 980 billion annually

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Over a 10-year period, this promises a return of nearly US\$ 16 for every US dollar invested

Public health measures can **prevent** hearing loss caused by



At every stage in life, hearing loss can be **addressed** through

SYSTEMATIC SCREENING TO IDENTIFY HEARING LOSS EARLY IN



In children **60%** of hearing loss can be prevented

Over **1 billion** young adults are at risk of permanent, avoidable hearing loss

Across life, **good ear hygiene** will prevent many causes of hearing loss

TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE CARE CAN BE PROVIDED THROUGH EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS SUCH AS



Universal access to quality ear and hearing care is possible through



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY EAR AND HEARING CARE

- DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED POLICIES
- PROVIDE WORKFORCE EDUCATION & TRAINING
- PROMOTE TASK-SHARING ACROSS WORKFORCE & TELEHEALTH SERVICES
- INCLUDE HEARING TECHNOLOGIES AS ESSENTIAL ASSISTIVE PRODUCTS
- MONITOR EAR AND HEARING CARE (EHC) INDICATORS THROUGH NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- PRIORITIZE IMPACT-ORIENTED RESEARCH

Governments must act now to overcome barriers to integrate ear and hearing care in national plans as part of universal health coverage.

By working together, we can reach the **2030 milestone target to increase coverage of ear and hearing care services by 20% worldwide.**

Delivering on this target is an urgent and essential priority. It will improve the health and well-being of people everywhere and help us achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3, and ultimately a world in which **no one – no child, no adolescent, no adult – is left behind.**



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For more details refer to:
<https://www.who.int/health-topics/hearing-loss>